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PURCHASE OF A.J.T.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since decided to buy British Aerospace's Hawk-115 AJTs instead of Russia's latest trainer MiG-UTS said to cost much less than the British trainer MiG;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the delivery schedule of the proposed Advanced Jet Trainer along with the cost of other trainers not found fit for acquisition?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The Government is yet to take a decision on the procurement of AJT aircraft. The aircraft short- listed for the purpose are British Hawk and French Alpha Jet. The Russian trainer MiG-AT has not met some of the essential parameters laid down by Indian Air Force for the AJT.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The delivery schedule will be finalised after the decision for procurement of AJT is taken. Commercial proposals in respect of trainers not found fit by IAF for acquisition were not invited. Their cost is therefore not available.